

POLITEIA
(Company limited by guarantee and without share capital)

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND UNAUDITED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2008

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REARDON & CO LIMITED
Chartered Accountants
Cambridge

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Company information
for the year ended 30 November 2008

DIRECTORS'	The Reverend Canon Lord Pilkington of Oxenford Professor Harold James Dr Sheila Lawlor Sir Brian Williamson CBE
SECRETARY	Dr Sheila Lawlor
COMPANY NUMBER	3123505
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for the year ended 30 November 2008

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 November 2008.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the company throughout the year continued to be that of engaging in and encouraging public discussion of the relationship between the state and the people by way of seminars, conferences and publications.

DIRECTORS

The directors who served throughout the year were:

The Reverend Canon Lord Pilkington of Oxenford
Professor Harold James
Dr Sheila Lawlor
Sir Brian Williamson CBE

DIRECTORS RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the results for the period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The report of the directors has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON 17 September 2009.

Sheila Lawlor

Dr Sheila Lawlor
Secretary

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PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

ACCOUNTING CONVENTIONS

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards in the United Kingdom. A summary of the more important accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, is set out below.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2007).

GOING CONCERN

The nature of the company's activities is such that there can be considerable unpredictable variation in the timing of cash inflows; in particular, the company is dependent on the support of the Foundation for Social and Economic Thinking (FSET), its other charitable donors and individual subscribers. In the experience and opinion of the directors, such support will continue to be forthcoming for the foreseeable future and, on this basis, they therefore consider it appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might arise from a shortfall in incoming funds.

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

The cost of tangible fixed assets is their purchase cost, together with any incidental cost of acquisition.

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual values, on a reducing balance basis over the expected useful economic lives of the assets concerned. The principal annual rates for this purpose are:

Office equipment	-	20% straight line
Computers	-	33% straight line

OPERATING LEASES

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged to the profit and loss account on the straight line basis over the long term.

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT

Politeia qualifies as a small company under the terms of section 247 of the Companies Act 1985. As a consequence, it is exempt from the requirements to publish a cash flow statement under Financial Reporting Standard 1 (revised) "Cash flow statements".

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2008

	2008	2007
	£	£
TURNOVER	2,344	4,348
COST OF SALES	(104,563)	(113,765)
GROSS LOSS	(102,219)	(109,417)
Administrative expenses	(85,622)	(81,731)
Bank interest paid	(187,841)	(191,148)
	(27)	(71)
Other operating income (Note 1)	189,585	201,895
PROFIT/(LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	1,717	10,676
TAX ON PROFIT/(LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	-	-
RETAINED PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	1,717	10,676
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT AT 30 NOVEMBER 2007	8,731	(1,945)
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT AT 30 NOVEMBER 2008	£10,448	£8,731

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BALANCE SHEET AT 30 NOVEMBER 2008

	2008	2007
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible fixed assets (Note 3)	2,827	1,260
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at bank and in hand	18,882	12,771
Debtors (Note 5)	523	491
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	19,405	13,262
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year (Note 5)	(11,784)	(5,791)
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NET CURRENT (LIABILITIES)/ ASSETS	7,621	7,471
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TOTAL NET (LIABILITIES)/ASSETS	<u>£10,448</u>	<u>£8,731</u>
	=====	=====
 CAPITALS AND RESERVES		
Profit and loss account	£10,448	£8,731
	=====	=====

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 249A(1) of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 30 November 2008

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 November 2008 in accordance with Section 249B(2) of the Companies Act 1985.

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BALANCE SHEET AT 30 NOVEMBER 2008 (Continued)

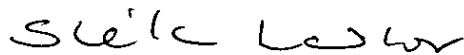
The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 221 of the Companies Act 1985 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and of its profit or loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Section 226 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 1985 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2007).

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE DIRECTORS

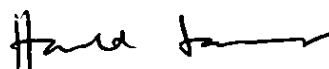
Dr Sheila Lawlor
Director



APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON

17 September 2009

Sir Brian Williamson CBE
Director



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30
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1. OTHER OPERATING INCOME	2008	2007
	£	£
Donations and grants received	189,585	201,895
	<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>

Other operating income comprises grants received from the Foundation for Social and Economic Thinking of £140,450 (2006: £116,300) and other donations of £61,445 (2006: £62,656).

2. OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)	2008	2007
	£	£
The operating profit/(loss) is stated after charging:		
Depreciation	617	421
Directors' remuneration including pension contribution	79,019	71,890
	<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>

3. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Office equipment	Computers	Total
	£	£	£
COST			
At 30 November 2007	1,425	4,179	5,604
Additions	11	2,173	2,184
	<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>
At 30 November 2008	1,436	6,352	7,788
	<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION			
At 30 November 2007	855	3,489	4,344
Charge for the year	285	332	617
	<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>
At 30 November 2008	1,140	3,821	4,961
	<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>
NET BOOK AMOUNT			
At 30 November 2008	£296	£2,531	£2,827
	<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>
At 30 November 2007	£570	£690	£1,260
	<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>

4. TAXATION

The company is a non-profit making company and does not trade; consequently, in the opinion of the directors, no liability to Corporation Tax arises other than on investment income.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2008 Continued

5. DEBTORS

	2008	2007
	£	£
Prepayments	523	491
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	£523	£491
	=====	=====

6. CREDITORS

	2008	2007
	£	£
Trade creditors	4,619	2,307
Social security and payroll taxes	2,565	2,484
Accrued expenses	4,600	1,000
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	£11,784	£5,791
	=====	=====

7. COMPANY STATUS

The company is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have any share capital. Under its Memorandum and Articles of Association, every member undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company, in the event of its being wound up while a member of the company (or within one year of ceasing to be a member) such amount as may be required not exceeding £1.

8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Politeia is a non-profit making company, limited by guarantee, whose principal activity is that of informing and encouraging public discussion on the relationship between the state and the people by way of seminars, conferences and publications. It organises and commissions research and analysis on a number of different subjects relating to the role of the state in the lives of people (eg pensions, education, employment, healthcare, economic and constitutional matters). It applies, where appropriate, for support for such work is eligible, to the Foundation for Social and Economic Thinking (FSET), which is an education charity established to help fund eligible projects, the Garfield Weston Foundation, the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation and other charitable bodies. It also seeks and wins support from individuals and companies towards organising and holding its public lectures and conferences, and towards sustaining these and its publishing operations.

One of the trustees of FSET, the Reverend Canon Lord Pilkington of Oxenford, is also a director of the company in order to supervise grants made by FSET (see Note to the company).